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1. THIS CABLE RESPONDS TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PLYUSHCH, TARTAKOVSKI AND TEMKIN (PARA FIVE REFTEL).

2. LEONID PLYUSHCH IS 34-YEAR-OLD UKRAINIAN MATHEMATICIAN AND CYBERNETICS SPECIALIST. IN 1973 HE REPORTEDLY WAS SENTENCED TO INDEFINITE CONFINEMENT IN MENTAL INSTITUTION IN DNIPROPETROVSK AFTER ARREST FOR "ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES" PRESUMABLY RELATED TO HIS ADVOCACY OF ENHANCED UKRAINIAN NATIONAL IDENTITY.

3. YULIKY TARTAKOVSKIY, WHOSE CASE WAS RECENTLY PUBLICIZED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SOVIET JEWRY, REPORTEDLY WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT THE END OF JULY IN KIEV IN CONNECTION
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WITH HIS SOVIET DRAFT STATUS. WE UNDERSTAND HE EARLIER HAD

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BEEN RELEASED FROM ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY FOR HEALTH REASONS. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE, TARTAKOVSKIY IS A LEADING JEWISH ACTIVIST IN KIEV AND WAS ARRESTED IN 1972 WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER KIEV SYNAGOGUE FOR PASSOVER SERVICES. HE REPORTEDLY WAS THEREAFTER PLACED UNDER HEAVY SURVEILLANCE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT HIS PRESENT SITUATION.

4. THE CASE OF MARINA TEMKINA WAS PUBLICIZED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. SHE REPORTEDLY WAS SEPARATED FROM HER FATHER AND SENT TO A PIONEER CAMP WHEN SHE INDICATED SHE WISHED TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, SHE WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN HER FATHER WHEN SHE REACHES AGE 16. SHE IS NOW 14. WE BELIEVE SHE IS PRESENTLY RESIDING WITH HER MOTHER, WHO IS DIVORCED FROM TEMKIN AND WHO REPORTEDLY STRONGLY OPPOSES MARINA'S PLANS TO EMIGRATE.

5. ANOTHER CASE RECENTLY PUBLICIZED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL IS THAT OF MOSCOW ACTIVIST VIKTOR POLSKY, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO BE TRIED IN MOSCOW AUGUST 15 FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 212 OF RSFSR CRIMINAL CODE (DANGEROUS DRIVING). NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT POLSKY'S TRIAL WAS POSTPONED INDEFINITE BECAUSE OF HIS POOR HEALTH. KISSINGER

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